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Title:

IMPLANTABLE OR INSERTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE RESISTANT

TO MICROBIAL GROWTH AND BIOFILM FORMATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003 in the above matter.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- L Claims 1-47 and 70-72, drawn to a medical device.
- II. Claims 48-69, drawn to a method of making a medical device.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-47 and 70-72, with traverse, for prosecution on the merits.



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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

FEES

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required, to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,

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